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Mogan Cultural Center Hosts Day of Touring and Tasting

Saturday, October 26, 2002

On Saturday, October 26, 2002, the Mogan Cultural Center will host a Neighborhood Walking Tour by noted photographer Jim Higgins and a culinary performance representing the Sierra Leone, Brazilian, and Cameroon traditions. Both events are free of charge and open to all.

10:00 a.m. Neighborhood Walking Tour

Meets at the front door of the Mogan Center, 40 French Street. Noted local photographer Jim Higgins will give a walking tour of parts of Lowell's Downtown and the Acre and show how the city and its people have changed during the last quarter century. After the tour, visit *Lowell: Moving Through a Quarter Century*, an exhibit by Joan Ross and Jim Higgins, kicking off Lowell National Historical Park's 25th anniversary celebration. Open daily from October 20 through summer 2003, the exhibit focuses on "People, Places, Preservation and the Park."

12:00 noon "Feasting on Lowell" Culinary Performance

Mogan Center Art Room, 40 French Street Led by anthropologists Kathy Neustadt and Millie Rahn, this program will highlight cooking from the Sierra Leone, Brazilian, and Cameroon traditions. All three cooks are immigrants to Lowell: Khen Nkimbeng from Cameroon, MariaTou Dumbuya from Sierra Leone, and Maria Shay from Brazil. The theme of this program, the last in the "Feasting on Lowell" foodways series, is "cooking without heat." All the cooks will prepare their dishes in advance for sampling at the program, and bring component parts to demonstrate the preparation of each recipe, along with examples of special ingredients and cooking utensils. The program will look at the Portuguese roots of the cuisines of both Sierra Leone and Brazil as well as how two West African cultures--Sierra Leone and Cameroon--adapt fish to their diets.

The Mogan Cultural Center, located at 40 French St. in downtown Lowell, is a program of Lowell National Historical Park in partnership with the University of Massachusetts Lowell. The Center is open daily: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

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